



Funding

Despite the remarkable achievements we've made together in greening our community, the work that remains is daunting. It won't be completed in a few years. It will take decades.

Regreening our City has been costly. So far, the City's Regreening Program has cost upwards of \$24 million since 1978. Aerial liming, tree planting and other reclamation projects conducted by Vale Inco and Xstrata Nickel have cost millions more. Future ecological recovery costs will be at least as great as those that have brought us this far.

As involved members of this community, both Vale Inco and Xstrata Nickel have committed to the long-term support of ecological recovery efforts. Vale Inco has committed \$1.25 million to the Regreening Program over the next five years, and Xstrata Nickel has committed \$1 million over the same time period. This combined budget of \$2.25 million over the next five years is, in annual terms, more than five times the recent company commitments to the Regreening Program. These budget commitments are in addition to the funds committed by each company to their independent activities including aerial seeding, land reclamation, tree planting and other environmental activities. Further, both companies have committed to financially supporting the City's Regreening Program long-term and to periodically re-evaluate budget requirements for the Program. Budget commitments and sources will be detailed in the annual report.

As in the past, the City of Greater Sudbury will assess the funding of its popular Regreening Program as part of the annual municipal budget process. Other funding partners, such as Tree Canada, may provide continued support as opportunities permit.